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Wednesday,
April 8, 2020

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

Thank you to the employees of the Snohomish Health District for all you do!

CASINO ROAD FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF DIAPERS

Please help if you can by donating diapers to the Casino Road Food Pantry. Details on location and times are at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Recognizing National Public Health Week

This week marks the 25th annual National Public Health Week. With the current COVID-19 health crisis, it is more important than ever to recognize those who work in public health and the critical work they do to promote health and protect lives. As our state responds to the coronavirus outbreak and prepares for the impacts this pandemic will have on our future, we are reminded that public health is both fundamental and essential to our society.

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NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

AN INITIATIVE OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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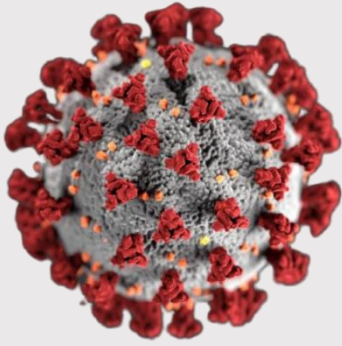
Diapers Needed!

Casino Road Food Pantry
14 E Casino Rd, Everett, WA 98208

Drop Off Diaper Packages:
Mondays: 11am-1pm or
Tuesdays: 9:30am - 12:00pm


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CENSUS RESPONSE FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY AT 52.7%

Please encourage your residents to complete the 2020 Census online as soon as possible.

SNOHOMISH MERCHANTS SHARE MESSAGES OF HOPE

The merchants of downtown Snohomish have written words of encouragement and messages of hope to the Snohomish community and placed them on their storefront windows.

Only 52.7% of Households in Snohomish County Have Responded to the 2020 Census

The Census form can be completed online, by phone, or by mail; a citizenship question is not included.

April 1 was Census Day. During March 12-20, households received the first of several invitations to participate in the 2020 Census. This invitation included a unique ID code that can be used to complete the Census online. Please remember to go online, with or without that code, and fill out the Census form at www.my2020census.gov.

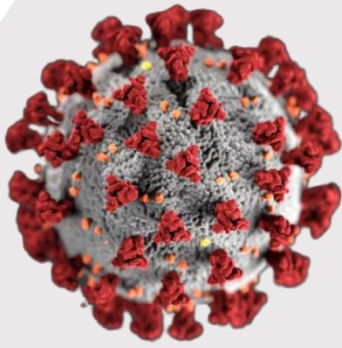
A complete Census count ensures Snohomish County receives its fair share of federal resources, as significant funding is at stake for other federal programs that families and communities rely on, including Head Start, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Medicare and Medicaid.

To see how your community has responded so far, visit 2020census.gov/response-rates.

Snohomish Merchants Share Messages of Hope

The merchants of downtown Snohomish have written words of encouragement and messages of hope to the Snohomish community and placed them on their storefront windows. Over two dozen businesses are participating to offer words of inspiration and positive reassurance, and to thank the community for staying home and staying safe. Organized by Haley Haybo of [Haley's Cottage](#) in downtown historic Snohomish, Haley can also make quotes for residential windows too.





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WORKFORCE SNOHOMISH POSTING JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Worksource updates available jobs every Tuesday and Thursday.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY AWARDS GRANTS TO CITIES

Grants were awarded to Arlington, Darrington, Everett, Lynnwood, and Sultan to assist residents with personal needs and sanitation services.

PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH WIPES, NAPKINS, OR PAPER TOWELS

Wastewater treatment plant operators are reminding everyone to not flush wipes, napkins, or paper towels because they can clog sewer pipes.

COSTCO OFFERS PRIORITY ACCESS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Costco is temporarily allowing priority access to warehouses for Costco members who are health care workers and first responders. Information is at right.

GOV. JAY INSLEE OFFERS CLARITY ON SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR STUDENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Gov. Inslee offered additional guidance to school districts on Wednesday allowing that certain students with severe needs may receive services in school buildings.

Workforce Snohomish Posting Job Opportunities

Looking for a job that is hiring NOW? Look no further! [Worksource](#) updates jobs every Tuesday and Thursday with immediate hiring opportunities.

Community Foundation of Snohomish County Awards Grants to Cities

Arlington, Darrington, Sultan, and Lynnwood were each granted \$10,000 and Everett was granted \$20,000 for a total of \$60,000 to assist residents with personal needs and sanitation services. All cities and towns had the opportunity to request funds and all that did request funds received an allocation. For more information, please visit the Community Foundation's [webpage](#).

Please Do Not Flush Wipes, Napkins, or Paper Towels!

In the absence of toilet paper, please be mindful not to flush wipes, napkins, or paper towels, because they can clog sewer pipes. Even wipes that claim they are flushable are still clogging our local pipes.



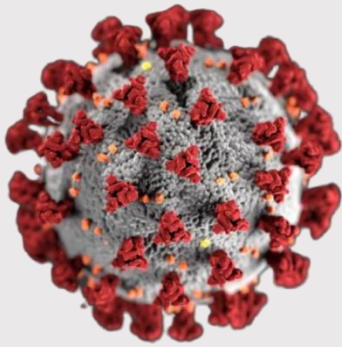
Costco Offers Priority Access for Health Care Workers and First Responders

Costco is temporarily allowing priority access to warehouses for Costco members who are health care workers and first responders such as police officers, EMTs and firefighters. Healthcare workers and first responders who present a Costco membership card and official identification of their role, will be allowed to move to the front of any line to enter the warehouse.

Gov. Jay Inslee Offers Clarity on School Closures for Students in Special Education

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee offered additional guidance to school districts on Wednesday: although school buildings may be used to prepare food for students, and offer child care for certain families, school sites are not open to serving most students in special education. Certain students with severe needs may receive services in school buildings.

"To protect the health of students, staff, and providers, the intention is not that school buildings should be open and serving all students with significant needs," officials said in a Wednesday statement. "The intention is to provide districts with the ability to provide essential and necessary in-person services to individual students in the very rare circumstance that the services cannot be provided at a distance."



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CENTURY LINK FIELD HOSPITAL BEING RETURNED FOR REDEPLOYMENT

Gov. Jay Inslee directed the return of the field hospital to FEMA for redeployment today.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRIES (L&I) EMPLOYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

L&I is providing emergency relief to help employers struggling to pay their workers' compensation premiums during the coronavirus outbreak. See more details at right.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT (ESD) UPDATES

ESD is preparing for the implementation of the federal stimulus programs. More details on the three new programs they will be accepting applications for starting April 18 are at right.

Century Link Field Hospital Being Returned for Redeployment

Today, Gov. Jay Inslee directed the return of the field hospital stationed at Century Link to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) so it can be redeployed to a state with a more significant need. Read the full statement [here](#).

Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) Employer Assistance Program

The Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) is providing emergency relief through the [Employer Assistance Program](#) to help employers struggling to pay their workers' compensation premiums during the coronavirus outbreak. L&I is now offering a grace period for premium payments, along with payment plans for employers facing financial difficulties during the pandemic.

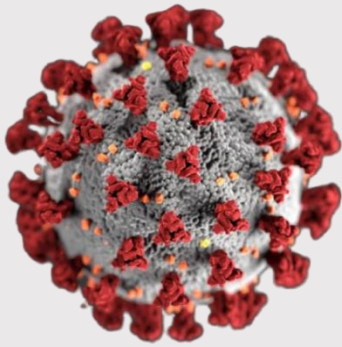
Employment Security Department (ESD) Updates

ESD is preparing for the implementation of the federal stimulus programs included in the CARES act by upgrading their technology systems so that on April 18, they can begin accepting applications for the three main elements of the new law:

- **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance** - expands benefits to those directly impacted by COVID-19 who are not otherwise eligible for Unemployment Insurance in Washington State. This will be available until December 26, 2020 and is retroactive to February 2, 2020
- **Pandemic Unemployment Compensation** - increases the weekly benefit amount by \$600 increase for all unemployment assistance recipients (including those already on Unemployment Insurance or participating in SharedWork). It runs until July 25, 2020 and is retroactive to March 29, 2020.
- **Pandemic Emergency Compensation** - adds 13 additional weeks of benefits on top of the standard 26 weeks (if needed). It runs until December 26, 2020 and is retroactive to March 29, 2020.

All of these benefits will be retroactively paid from the time people lost their jobs or otherwise became eligible under the federal CARES Act. So, once approved, they will receive a lump sum payment of all benefits that are owed to them at that point. They will then be able to file weekly claims for benefits moving forward.

For more information please visit ESD's [webpage](#).



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CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Please note: The statistics are also available on the [Snohomish Health District website](#).

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: **1-800-525-0127, then press #**

Confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of April 8, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:45 p.m.
Confirmed	1,695
Probable	86
Deceased	63

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:35 p.m.
Arlington	78
Bothell*	132
Brier	11
Darrington	<5
Edmonds	174
Everett	502
Gold Bar	<5
Granite Falls	14
Index	0
Lake Stevens	66
Lynnwood	272
Marysville	143
Mill Creek	28
Monroe	42
Mountlake Terrace	58
Mukilteo	40
Snohomish	98
Stanwood	68
Sultan	<5
Tulalip	7
Unknown/Other	25
Woodinville*	10
Woodway	5

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Not all cases are within city limits and totals may include nearby unincorporated Snohomish County. Unknown includes cases still under investigation.

*Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.